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**EXPEDITED PROCESSING-
RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

June 3, 2002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re/ Application of E. Blumwald, M. Apse,
W. Snedden, and G. Aharon.

Application No. 09/271,584

Filed March 18, 1999

Examiner: A. R. Kubelik

Art Unit: 1638

Confirmation No. 4345

**GENETIC ENGINEERING SALT
TOLERANCE IN CROP PLANTS**

Attorney Docket No. 25,865-A USA

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
TO EXAMINER'S ACTION DATED DECEMBER 3, 2001**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated December 3, 2001, Applicants request that the application be amended as follows.